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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP-TRAVEL UNDER GRANT SFG-O-6425 MULTICOLOR
PHOTOELECTRIC OBSERVATIONS OF FLARE STARS

REFS: A. STATE 242275 DECEMBER 12 AND PREVIOUS

- B. LATHAM LETTERS NOVEMBER 28 TO DR. SINVHAL DIRECTOR
UTTAR PRADESH STATE OBSERVATORY; DR. WILLIAMS; AND WAYNE MILLS
- C. SINVHAL TO LATHAM LETTER DATED DECEMBER 11
- D. MILLS TO LATHAM LETTER DATED AUGUST 22 COPIED LECONTE.

1. MILLS VISITED DR. SINVHAL AT UPSO OBSERVATORY IN
NAINITAL ON DECEMBER 14 AND 15 CONCERNING LATHAM VISIT PROPOSED
REFTEL A AND REFLETS B. IN REFLET C SINVHAL WELCOMES LATHAM
VISIT AS PROPOSED REFLETS B; EMBASSY ALSO PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION.
HOWEVER SINVHAL UNABLE OBTAIN GOVERNMENT CLEARANCE FOR IMPORT AND
LONG-TERM LOAN OF PHOTOMULTIPLIER TUBE AND HOUSING WITHOUT DELAY OF
THREE MONTHS OR MORE, IN ANY CASE PREFERS TO HAVE LATHAM HANDLE MATTER

DIRECTLY. SINVHAL HAS INFORMED LATHAM OF SUCH CLEARANCE DIFFICULTIES
AND DELAYS IN LETTERS OF AUGUST 9, SEPTEMBER 4 AND IN PERSONAL
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DISCUSSIONS IN SYDNEY IN AUGUST AND REFLET C.

2. IN REFLECT D MILLS ALSO REQUESTED EARLY AND FULL INFORMATION ABOUT DETAILS ITEMS TO BE IMPORTED FOR LOAN AND WARNED THAT WE WOULD PREFER CLEARANCE BY SINVHAL. WITH SUCH SHORT NOTICE AS REFLECTS B OUR ASSISTANCE CLEARANCE DIFFICULT.

3. SINVHAL SUGGESTS AND MILLS CONCURS THAT PHOTOMULTIPLIER TUBE AND HOUSING, BEING USED AND SEMI-OBSOLESCENT EQUIPMENT, BE DECLARED, ONLY IF DECLARATION PROVES NECESSARY, BY LATHAM AT DELHI CUSTOMS FOR NOMINAL VALUE SUCH AS DOLLARS FORTY OR LESS EACH. IF CUSTOMS DOES ASSIGN DUTY LATHAM *HOULD BE PREPARED HIMSELF TO PAY SUCH *TY IN DOLLARS. EXACT DUTY UNASCERTAINABLE NOW, BUT, BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, MAY BE AS MUCH AS HUNDRED PER CENT OR MORE.

4. MILLS WILL MEET LATHAM AT AIRPORT FOR FACILITATING CLEARANCE.

5. REFLECTS B GIVE ARRIVAL DATE DELHI DECEMBER 28 BUT REFTEL A MENTIONS INSTEAD ON/ABOUT DECEMBER 26. PLEASE INFORM EXACT DATE ARRIVAL TO MILLS SOONEST IN ORDER THAT DAHI HOTEL RESERVATION CAN BE MADE NOW. EXACT SCHEDULE ALSO NECESSARY IN ORDER MILLS MAKE LATHAM'S RAIL RESERVATIONS FROM DELHI TO KATHGODAM, NOT REPEAT NOT HALDWANI, WHERE UPSO WILL MEET HIM AS NOW SCHEDULED DECEMBER 30.

6. MILLS WILL ATTEMPT TELEPHONE LECONTE STARTING AFTERNOON DECEMBER 20 WASHINGTON TIME AND HOPES LECONTE MEANTIME HAS CONTACTED LATHAM. MOYNIHAN

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